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Savannah and Midway Churches Host Southeast Conference

Two Georgia churches — Savannah, First, and Midway (at Midway) extend welcome to the delegates and visitors to the Annual meeting of Southeast Conference, June 11-13. Some pertinent facts about these two churches should be noted:

1. Savannah, First Congregational Church, was organized in 1869. The present building was erected in 1895. The new education and fellowship annex was erected in 1976 at a cost of \$115,440. The Office of Church Building in New York made a loan of \$82,000 and grant mortgage of \$10,000 to the Church.

A Building Fund Canvass, Sept. 29- Oct. 5, 1975, under direction of Harris E. Heverly of the Church Finance Service of the U.C.B.H.M., had a goal of \$20,000 to be paid over two years. Pledges and cash received on Pledge Sunday amounted to \$25,400.

Present membership is 120. Pastor is Rev. Neil A. Mosley, who began his ministry at First Church in 1965. He is also District Supervisor of Savannah News Press.

2. Midway Congregational Church was organized in 1874. Present building was erected in 1962-63. New educational and fellowship annex was built in 1973-74 at a cost of \$58,488.90. The Office of Church Building in New York made a loan of \$47,500 and a grant mortgage of \$7,500 to the Church.

Present membership of the church is 75. Dr. James A. Eaton, pastor, began his ministry at Midway in 1966. He is also a professor at Savannah State College.

3. Associated with the Midway Church is Dorchester Center. Dorchester Improvement Association was organized in 1969 to strengthen and support the work of Dorchester Center. Chairman of the Association is J.A. Lewis, Midway, Ga.

Many uses of the Center's facilities include: A Day Care Center, Doctor's Offices, Recreation, Camps, Community Meetings, etc.



President Moss Speaks at Annual Conference

Dr. Robert V. Moss will be the guest preacher at the Sunday morning service of worship, June 13, 1976, when the Conference concludes its Tenth Annual Meeting in the First Congregational Church (org. 1869), 421 Habersham, Savannah, Ga.

Formerly President of Lancaster Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., Dr. Moss is now President of the United Church of Christ.

OFFICIAL CALL

This shall serve as the official call to the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ to be held at Savannah and Midway Churches on June 11-13, 1976. Beginning with Registration and Review Committees at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, June 11, the Annual Meeting concludes with worship at 11 A.M. on Sunday June 13. Registration cards and other information will be mailed to the pastors and churches.

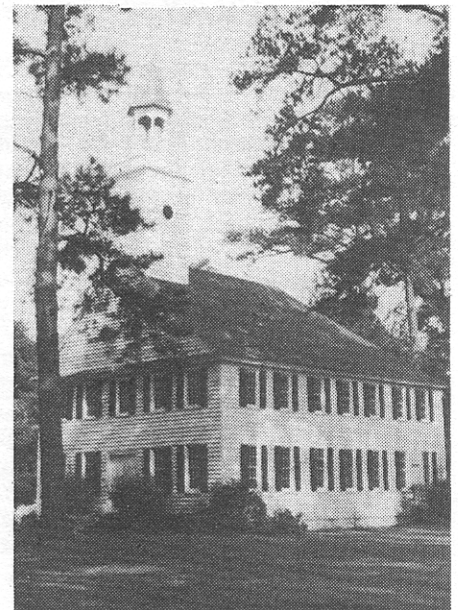
Delegates and visitors should make their own hotel reservations. Reservation folders were mailed to pastors and churches. Downtown Holiday Inn, Highway 17-A, Savannah, Ga., will serve as headquarters for the delegates and visitors.

The Dorchester Story — Dorchester Midway Church

In February, 1630, at Plymouth, England, about 140 emigrants were organized into a church under the pastorate of Rev. John White of Dorchester. On March 20 they set sail in the MARY and JOHN, arriving in Massachusetts Bay, May 30, 1630 — 13 days before the fleet of the Massachusetts Bay Company under Governor John Winthrop. They settled at Dorchester, now a part of Boston.

In 1695 some religious planters in Carolina asked for church aid to "encourage the settlement of churches and the promotion of religion in the southern plantations." Heeding this request, a Congregational church of nine members was organized at Dorchester, Mass., and migrated to Dorchester, S.C., about 20 miles up the northeastern branch of the Ashley river, nearly 20 miles from any white settlement. The town prospered but by 1752 overcrowding and lack of religious tolerance in officially Episcopalian South Carolina caused them to move in a body to a 32,000 acre tract of land, which they had purchased, half way between the Savannah and Altamaha rivers of Georgia, called Midway. By 1754, they had erected a log meetinghouse.

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Zip Code Change For S. E. Conf. Mailing

We have been notified by the U.S. Post Office that our Zip Code has been changed to 30359. It was formerly 30329. This means that all future mailings should be sent to the Southeast Conference, P.O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30359.

Our correct street address is 2676 Clairmont Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329. This was formerly 2684 Clairmont Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329, but mail still goes to the box address above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS of Upcoming Events

May 9 — Festival of the Christian Home
May 20 — Outreach Commission, Atlanta,
With Milton Gockley and David
Langerhans of the Stewardship Council.
May 23 — 17/76 Celebration Sunday
May 18-30 — Pastors of Small Churches, at
Blue Lake Camp, Southern Alabama.
May 28 — Uplands Executive Committee,
Pleasant Hill, Tn.

June 6 — Pentecost
June 7 — Pension Board, with Staffs of
Conferences, Southern Region, Atlanta.
June 11-13 — Tenth Annual Meeting of the
Southeast Conference, Savannah &
Midway, Ga.
June 20-25 — Conference Ministers, &
Instrumentality Executives, U.C.C.,
Ursinus College, Colledgeville, Pa.
June 25 — Nineteenth Anniversary, United
Church of Christ.

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

The United Church Board for World Ministries states that the new **Annual Report and Calendar of Prayer** is now available upon request. One copy has been mailed to each pastor of the United Church of Christ. Contributions of \$1.00 toward the publication cost will be gratefully accepted.

The booklet includes an eight page color section describing the worldwide work of the UCBWM in words and pictures.

The other section is the **Calendar of Prayer** and includes a suggested prayer for some aspect of the worldwide mission.

Contact Ms. Judy Go, UCBWM, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY. 10027 for either of the sections or the total booklet.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Sally Kampmeier, wife of Roland Kampmeier, died April 2, 1976, in Chattanooga, of an apparent heart attack, at the age of 65. She was buried on April 5, 1976. The Kampmeiers participated for 12 years in the Corporate Board of the United Church Board for World Ministries, and voluntarily represented the Board on foreign fields.

The Youth of Rush Memorial Church in Atlanta recently held a Youth Day, when they received gifts for the ongoing life of the Church.

United Church of Huntsville (Ala.) has developed a landscaping plan for the church grounds. Members are asked to donate an amount equal to the number of plants each would like to give. Plans also include parking lot and sidewalk improvements.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold N. Auler, pastor and wife of the Lanett Church, were recently highlighted by the ATLANTA JOURNAL CONSTITUTION Sunday magazine section showing the Palestinian Scene depicting places and telling the story about Christ's life. As a result, the Church was open to visitors during Holy Week.

Mrs. Lucy Ruch Fandrich of Belvidere, Tn., member of a pioneer Swiss family and oldest citizen of the church and county, died April 5, at the age of 102.

Services were conducted at the Belvidere United Church of Christ by Rev. Collie Seymour, pastor.

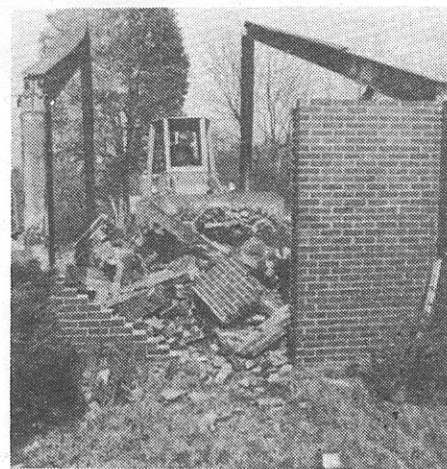
Mrs. Fandrich's parents were also charter members of the Belvidere United Church of Christ, founded July, 1873, as Belvidere German Reformed Church.

Her husband, Fred J. Fandrich, former Belvidere postmaster and creamery operator, founded Crimson Clover, having the first seed shipped from France. She is the mother of John S. Fandrich, a Belvidere merchant and civic leader.

Rev. R Lynn Gaylor resigned as pastor of Robbins Parish, effective May 30, 1976.

Joe Irwin, student at Union Seminary in New York, i.c.a. the Ga-SC Association, plans to do some work in churches this summer.

We do not know how inexpensive the seeds of happiness are or we would scatter them oftener.



Brookmeade's Walls Come Tumbling Down

On March 15, Brookmeade Congregational Church in Nashville, Tennessee, watched as the remaining walls and girders of its old sanctuary — destroyed by fire in November of 1973 — were torn down and hauled away.

In addition to taking action on the old sanctuary, the congregation made other decisions based on recommendations proposed by the church's Long Range Planning Committee. The congregation voted to sell the church's parsonage and invest the proceeds. The resulting income from the investment will provide a living allowance for the minister which may be used either to rent or purchase housing. The congregation further voted to change the status of the church's present minister — the Rev. Stephen Gray — from part-time to full-time, and to seek the funds necessary for such a change.

In one final action, the congregation voted "to consider the possibility of moving the location and plant of the church." A Search Committee has been appointed to study the future location of the church and report back to the congregation by the end of May.

Easter Sunday — April 18, 1976

MARK 16: 1-8

"He has risen!" That can mean a thousand things to a thousand persons. In Jesus' resurrection, the first Christians found the joy of inheriting God's salvation, a legacy more precious than perishable gold. "He has risen" told Jesus' disciples that he was alive and preceded them into Galilee. It assures us of his present help through the scenes and situations of our common days: birth, life, and death. Through discoveries and dilemmas, Jesus leads us toward human history's climax and God's final victory over death and sin. "He has risen, indeed!"

Program

Tenth Annual Meeting

S. E. Conf. UCC

June 11-13, 1976

Savannah and Midway, Georgia

Friday, June 11, Downtown Holiday Inn,
Highway 17-A, Savannah, Ga.
7 P.M. — Registration
8 P.M. — Review Committees

Saturday, June 12 — First Congregational
Church, 421 Habersham, Savannah, Ga.
9 A.M. — Registration
10 A.M. — Call to Order
Constituting Prayer
Business Session
12 Noon — Lunch at the Church

Saturday Afternoon — Old Midway
Church, Midway, Ga.
2 P.M. — Buses leave from Holiday Inn for
Old Midway Church.
3 P.M. — Bicentennial Service in Old
Midway Church
5 P.M. — Buses leave for new Midway
Church & Dorchester Center
6 P.M. — Supper
7 P.M. — Historical Sketches of Savannah,
First Church, and Midway Church;
and Dorchester Center
—Music by Midway Choir
—Address by Rev. Henry C. McDowell,
former Missionary to Angola.
9 P.M. — Buses leave for Savannah

Sunday, June 13 — First Church, Savannah
9 A.M. — Business Session
11 A.M. — Worship Service — Robert V.
Moss, Guest Preacher

Guest Speakers

In Our Churches

Dr. Eugene S. Wehrli, Professor of New Testament, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., will be theologian in residence for Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Ala., May 23-27. He will preach Sunday morning, May 23, and each evening at 7:30. The general theme is: "The Church in the 70's." A special luncheon is planned for S.E. Conference Ministers on Monday, May 21, 1 PM, at Pilgrim Church.

Rev. Lawrence N. Strunk, Executive Director of Uplands, Inc., Pleasant Hill, Tenn., will be the guest speaker at Hillside Christian Church, LaGrange, Ga., May 10-14. At a dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 11, Mr. Strunk will tell the story of Uplands. Rev. David Chandler is the pastor of Hillside Church.

WE REACH BACK FOR THE FUTURE

England, 1630 . . . America, 1776 . . . Today, 1976.

The pilgrimage of faith is life-long, journeying through great experience and bitter despair, but with an awareness of the presence of God.

"By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead . . . [1 Peter 1:3]."

We reaffirm our faith [below]. We set goals and plan programs and projects for 1976-80 [next page]:

Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being,
creates man in his own image
and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,
he has come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and
races.

He calls us into his Church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be his servants in the service of men,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust him
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
his presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

Approved by the Second General Synod of the United Church of Christ held in Oberlin, Ohio, July 6-9, 1969, and submitted to the Synods, Conferences, Associations and Churches for their approval and use. The General Synod encourages the use of the Statement of Faith in congregational worship, in private devotions and for purposes of study.

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE (U. C. C.) FIVE -YEAR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

GOAL [Adopted 1973]	1974-1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
GROWING IN A SENSE OF ONENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use of Clusters, Associations, Areas for Conference Work & Witness -"Faith Exploration" - Local Church Consultants -Identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -"F/E" - LCC -Identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -"F/E" - LCC -Identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -"F E" - LCC -Identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -"F E" - LCC -Identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -"F E" - LCC -Identity
GROWING IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lay Ministry Classes in Ala. -Ministers' Convocations -Strengthening the Local Church - LCC -Conference Staff Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Seminars - Pastors of Small Churches -Ministerial Growth and Continuing Education -Ministers' Convocations -Strengthening the Local Church - LCC -Conference Staff Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Train Local Church Officers -Ministers' Convocations -Strengthening the Local Church - LCC -Conference Staff Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Train Local Church Officers -Ministers' Convocations -Strengthening the Local Ch. LCC -Conference Staff Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Train Local Church Officers -Ministers' Convocations -Strengthening the Local Ch. LCC -Conference Staff Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Train Local Church Officers -Ministers' Convocations -Strengthening the Local Ch. LCC -Conference Staff Training
GROWING MEANS NEW MEMBERS & NEW CONG- REGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Evangelism Local Church Consultants -Nat'l Training Workshop 4-5 -New Church - Decatur, Ala. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Evangelism Local Church Consultants -Task Force - Decatur, Ala. -Urban Start - Chattanooga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Evangelism Local Church Consultants -Task Force - Atlanta and Mobile, Ala. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Evangelism Local Church Consultants -Task Force - Atlanta and Mobile, Ala. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Evangelism LCC -Task Force - New Churches - Atlanta & Mobile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Evangelism LCC -Task Force - New Churches - Atlanta & Mobile
GROWING THROUGH CHRISTIAN NURTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Youth Camps & Conferences -Curriculum - "Shared Approaches" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Youth Camps & Conferences -Leadership Training of "SA" Planning Process 1-31 to 2-2 -"SA" Consultant Service Planning July or August -Overview of "SA" Materials to Ministers & CE Leaders - Sept. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Youth Camps & Conferences -"SA" Consultants help local churches select Curriculum Mtgs. -Commission on Ed. & others, O/N meeting, August -Evaluations. Plan training for local church leaders in use of "SA" - Sept. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Youth Camps & Conferences -CE Leaders - Teachers 2-day Evalua. & Order mtl. -Teacher Training camp - Aug. -Shared Approaches in Use - Sept. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Youth Camps & Conferences -SA Consultants to assist Local Churches or Clusters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Youth Camps & Conferences -SA Consultants evaluate use of SA in Conference
GROWING THROUGH TASK FORCE MINISTRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -17/76 Achievement Fund -Challenge - \$89,455 -Pledged - 115,700 -Hunger Task Force -Bicentennial Work -Communications and Race 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continuation 17/76 Committee -Cooperative Plans -Annual Meeting, Savannah-Midway -Develop Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -17/76 Pledges Paid -Evaluate All Task Forces, Annual Meeting 			
GROWING IN SUPPORT OF THE BROTHER MISSION OF THE CHURCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Develop Stewardship 5-Year Program -Morgan-Scott, Villa Int'l., Uplands, Dorchester, Homes for Children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training Program - Lanett 10/29-31 -10% Churches visited -Refurbish Alexander City Church -Dialogue Across Economic levels -Plan Uplands Campaign -Plan Dorchester Center Ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -\$83,000/30% to National Training Program - Birmingham -25% Churches visited -Refurbish Huntsville United -Continue Dialogues -Develop Filmstrip with Sewardship Council -Uplands Campaign -Widen Dorchester Ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -\$90,000 - 32 pct. to National Training Program, Bonanza -60 pct. Churches Visited -Help New Church Start - All. or State Line Ch. Resort Min. -Each Local Church to Develop Check List of Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -\$88,000 - 34 pct. to National Training Program, Pilgrim, Chattanooga -75 pct. Churches Visited -Refurbish 1st Ch. Montgomery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -\$107,000 - 35 pct. to National Training Program, -100 pct. Churches Visited

Demorest Federated Looks Around the Corner

Moving into the Demorest, Ga., Community at the beginning of the summer, will be a young minister to help develop a ministry to children and youth. He will assist also the Methodist Churches of Habersham County in the area of Youth Ministry. The major financial burden for this work will be borne by the Methodist District Office and by the Cornelia and Clarksville Churches. The Demorest Church will share also.

At the same time, the Demorest Federated Church is undertaking a self-study to assess the church's present abilities, and future potentials. W.J. Andes of the Southeast Conference, UCC, is working with the Church in this program.

St. John's, Cullman, to Cooperate with Vanderbilt

St. John's United Church, Cullman, Ala., voted April 4, 1976, to cooperate with Vanderbilt University on their Intern program. Each year the Church will have the option to have a Seminary Junior stay with the church one year, under supervision, in the field of Youth Work and Christian Education.

St. John's Church had 35 people with perfect attendance in Sunday School this past quarter.

12 young people were in the Confirmation Class of 1976 at St. John's: Lisa Ann Aldridge, Jonathan Edwin Dyer, Kevin Michael Garrett, Laura Kay Constad, Charles Henry Knighten, Jr., David Grady Moss, Jr., David Alan Mullen, Tracie Lyne Powell, Carrie Lee Terry, Jonathan Lawrence Thomas, Charles Scott Thomas, and Perry Wade Warren.

A PRAYER

Father eternal, Ruler of creation,
Spirit of life, which moved ere form was made,
Through the thick darkness covering every nation,

Light to man's blindness, O be thou our aid.

How shall we love thee, holy, hidden Being,

If we love not the world which thou hast made?

O give us brother love for better seeing
Thy Word made flesh, and in a manger laid.

— Lawrence Housman

SEAMAN HOLDS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Seman C.C. Church held its second annual Memorial Day Service on April 4. Guest speaker was Rev. Otto Culpepper, introduced by pastor, Rev. Leonard Smith.

The progress report for 1975 recognized T.J. Collier and Mrs. Collier for their care of the church and cemetery, naming Mr. Collier Outstanding Citizen. The Fellowship Hall, completed this year, has been the largest project since the church organized in 1933.

The Church maintains a charity program to raise money for victims of disasters, Elon Children's Home, Boys and Girls Ranches, Draper Prison, Ingram Vocational School, and others.

Seman Church was host to the first combined church social of the six Central Association Churches. Social meetings are held each 5th Saturday and offerings taken for charitable purposes.

"Who Are We? We are a Church"

is a new resource prepared by the Office for Church Life and Leadership of the United Church of Christ.

This resource is part of the new series in Faith Exploration for lay leaders and clergy in local churches. It gives practical insights for the building of agendas for meetings, for community building among young people, and for Bible study.

Local churches interested in theological reflection as part of church gatherings and more effective church meetings should order the resource from Church Leadership Resources, Box 179, St. Louis, Mo. 63166 for \$1.50.

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What Is EVANGELISM?



The word, "Evangelism" brings to mind a host of images and experiences that are somewhat distasteful to the tradition of our learning. One has only to be halted by a stranger in downtown Providence and have our lapel pulled upon and the stranger asks us, "Are you saved, brother?" Needless to say, we are embarrassed and inwardly we say to ourselves, "Evangelism, that's not my cup of tea!" Yet, the 10th General Synod affirms evangelism:

"Believing that the UCC has begun to recapture the strong Biblical-theological concepts that undergird our word-in-deed emphasis on evangelism and celebrating that fact, the 10th General Synod requests that the Board for Homeland Ministries develop materials and programs which will provide in-depth foundations for evangelism and encourage the Conferences, Associations, local churches, and the individual members to be responsible to the mandate to 'get the word out' as we respond to Christ who 'Frees and Unites'."

Evangelism means announcing the Good News . . . telling people about Christ and about his death and resurrection in a way they can realize that they are being invited by God to turn to Christ (convert), change what they are living for (repent), enter into a relationship with Christ (be baptized.)

In the early church, and in many Christian groups today, evangelism is the invitation to join the life of a community which holds to the message and is living it (Word and Deed). A person is drawn to the community, sees what the message means in daily life, and finds himself attracted by a fellowship that has more vitality than those he has been in before because it has a strong commitment to a purpose.

Even if a person heard a well-preached sermon in church, or in school, he would be unlikely to respond, because his experience (the Christian fellowship he lives in) has nothing to correspond to the message. It is almost always the case that when evangelism and instruction are done successfully, both in the church and outside of it, they are done in the context of a community that is alive, and they are done as a means of inviting people into the life of the community.

—Rev. Alfred Colby, Chairperson
Task Force on Evangelism, UCBHM

U. C. C. Membership Exchange Program Begins

Beginning May 1, 1976, a United Church of Christ family that moves will be contacted by a U.C.C. pastor within thirty days of arrival in its new neighborhood. This contact will result from a new experimental Membership Exchange Program. The Membership Exchange plan will be initiated by the local pastor from whose parish the family has moved and will be set in motion by a standard information postcard sent by the pastor to the Conference Office serving the family's new community. It is estimated that up to 20,000 U.C.C. families move annually and could be benefitted by this program.

The Membership Exchange Program was voted by the Council of U.C.C. Conference Executives at its annual meeting in January, upon recommendation by that body's evangelism subcommittee.

The Council of Conference Executives has provided the postcard to all Conference offices. These, in turn, are supplying the cards to every congregation for use by pastors.

Thanks for Caring and Sharing

On February 4, our son Jim had an accident which left him paralyzed from the neck down. Since that time, many of you and others have responded in love with prayers and gifts. The money we have received has been used to start a medical fund for Jim's hospital, doctor and other medical expenses. This fund has been used to pay for those expenses that hospitalization and major medical insurance do not cover. A brace for Jim's neck was paid for out of this fund also. To date, approximately \$1,000 has been used and the balance of the account is about \$1,500. Future needs, such as a brace for Jim's arm, a wheelchair and other expenses will be met out of this fund. We thank God for responsive Christians who enabled this to be. My wife and I especially are grateful for the prayers and concern for us. We have felt enveloped in love and uplifted in times of sorrow. We have experienced a Good Friday and we are beginning to see the dawn of an Easter Sunday morning "Resurrection" in this experience. My family and I thank you for sharing the burden of our cross.

Yours in Christ,
James K. Rowland
S.E. Conference Office
Administrative Assistant

1776 Achievement Fund Progress Sparks May 23 Celebration

Many unusual contributions have come to the 1776 Achievement Fund, giving evidence of interest and commitment. Among these are:

*A gift of \$500 from a 92-year-old woman whose interests are far-ranging, though she is now confined to her home. She also gave \$500 to the Board for World Ministries (UCC) and \$2,000 for the hunger program (UCC).

*A gift of \$1,400 from the Rev. Loren G. House, Jr., minister of the United Church of Christ in Preble, New York, who was convinced that a "key to solving America's racial problem is in better education."

*A gift of \$500 from the Rev. Arthur T. Gerhold, of Sidney, Ill., from the purse given to him to mark the celebration of the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

*A gift of \$900 per year "in perpetuity" from First Congregational Church, Memphis, Tn., an annual scholarship to nearby LeMoyné-Owen College, one of the six colleges founded by the A.M.A. now assisted by the Fund.

All these contributions give cause for celebration on Sunday, May 23.

The Dorchester Story—

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Three years later they built a handsome frame building which was burned in 1778 by the British. The members of the congregation fought valiantly in the American Revolution. After the war the scattered church returned and rebuilt the meetinghouse which still stands.

Although the congregation voted against secession in 1861, they fought with the South when Georgia joined the Confederacy. At the close of the war, the white members of the church were hopelessly shattered and scattered. But there remained in the parish many Negro people, once servants of the Midway Congregationalists, and not a few of them members of the church. They continued to use the building until 1875.

The building has been restored by the State Historical Commission and dedicated as the Dorchester Midway Colonial Museum. There are also the Midway Congregational Church (org. 1879) and the Dorchester Community Center, Midway, Ga.

(U.C.C. Sunday, Bulletin, 8/30/64)

Now Available: HOW-TO NEWS

HOW-TO NEWS, a manual on church newsletters, is now available from the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ. This new resource should be on the reading list of every local pastor and every local church newsletter editor.

The manual starts at the very beginning by dealing with the question, Why a church newsletter? It suggests that a church newsletter can be a vital part of the communications network which provides information, interpretation, and inspiration to the members and friends of any congregation.

One of the most helpful things about this new manual is the fact that it not only tells you how to put together an effective newsletter; it shows you. The format of the manual is that of a newsletter.

Whether you are an old hand at putting out a newsletter for your congregation or a novice just about to begin, order your copy of HOW-TO NEWS, from the Office of Communication, 289 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10010 right away. The cost is 50c; 40c each in order of six or more. You and the members of your congregation will be glad you did!

Church Women Plan to Continue Scholarships

The Church Women of the Southern Conference plan to continue their present Scholarship Program for college students as well as to administer the Emily C. Lester Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Further information about the operation of the memorial scholarship fund will be publicized later. It is planned to award two scholarships worth at least \$200 each for the academic year 1976-77 from the regular Scholarship Program.

For information and application please write:

Church Women Scholarship Fund
Southern Conference UCC
P.O. Box 2410
Burlington, N.C. 27215

He that blows the coals in a quarrel has no right to complain if the sparks fly in his face.

Benjamin Franklin